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Dear Jerry (cc Lesar, Roffman),

Howard has told me of a recent conversation in which you told him you were serving my interests and Jim or one with Jones Harris with anti-Semitic overtones. I knew earlier of some kind of deal with the SatEve Post in which your ostensible purpose was to prevent their use of Cyril.

The same Cyril with whom you have a past. The same situation you helped create.

Without, I wish you could understand, learning anything from it or about yourself or what drives you and you don't recognize.

However, that period exhausted my willingness to be of help to you in either understanding yourself or bringing yourself under control, away from unrecognized longings and feelings of self-importance.

Your arrogance in dreaming to decide what is in my interest ought to drive you to a shrink. Your stupidity in not learning about Harris in 11/73 to drink.

I have never delegated to you any right to make any such decisions for me. I reserve to myself, in the absence of it or anything approximating it, my own right to make this and similar decisions, to my life and to my work.

You can't recognize your own problems or how you trick yourself around them with such nonsense as this, that you are acting for me and in my interest. The most obvious way a normal man of normal thinking processes and normal morals and ethics would go about serving the interest of another would be to begin with asking. But after a long period of wasting time for me with greasy kid stuff you suddenly fell silent. In my interest, no doubt. Your publication and my interest?

How could you with anything have to do with publishing without asking me anything?

So I'll tell you a few and you can decide for yourself whether or not if the need comes I'll be in a position to establish fact.

I made offers of ancillary rights to New Times and Anson and to SEPost. Long ago. Both have ripped my work off. Both did not accept these offers. Neither knew prior to the offers. Anson, crediting Harris and Scott so far, has a Bantam deal. (I have sent notice to Bantam.) Now if neither accepted normal offers and both stole, how can you help me by dealing with either. In my interest, of course!

I've asked you before and I ask you again: I want the IMMEDIATE return of everything you took from me. No baloney about you have no time. Forego some of the self-importance and you can do this. Understand I do intend to do something if it is at all possible. This wretched business has got to stop. I also want you to notify anyone you may have told anything about any of it in writing that it is my work and to send me copies. Your giving someone else my work does not make it public domain. Nor does use from my publishing of it. Please understand, if you are capable of escaping the whole emotional Rube Goldbergism you have erected about yourself, that prior to any of this I had consulted counsel. Not just Jim. And if it is within my power I'm going to do something. I don't think there are questions of law. There are of what I can swing but not about what I'm willing to undertake.

You would be well advised to flush your self-concepts away and ask yourself what your situation will be if you are involved in no more than part of the discovery process. And when you have done this get yourself down firmly into Jackson Heights and stop conceiving yourself as on Olympus.

Sincerely,